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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Chat C. Do

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2001 and 25 April 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 April 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/2/01; 4/25/02.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on the preliminary Amendment filed 04/02/2001. These drawings are acknowledged.
2. Figures 6-9 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old as conventional is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

4. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract is written less than 50 words in length. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

6. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lakhani (U.S. 6,037,992).

Re claim 1, Lakhani discloses in Figure 2 a slicing circuit (e.g. circuitry in Figure 2) comprising: a control recording unit (e.g. video signal input into 40 from the receiver) which exchanges data with a data bus (e.g. data bus from video signal input other components in Figure 2); a memory which temporarily stores character broadcasting data extracted from the data bus (e.g. col. 2 lines 53-68); an analog-to-digital (A/D) converter which receives a composite video signal and converts the composite video signal into digital values (e.g. 41); a digital arithmetic and logic unit (e.g. 42-46 in Figure 2) which receives the digital values converted by the A/D converter, calculates character broadcasting data, and outputs the character broadcasting data to the memory; a SYNC separator which receives the composite video signal (e.g. 49), and extracts a vertical or horizontal synchronizing signal (e.g. col. 3 lines 5-20); a clock generating unit (e.g. 50 and 51); and a timing control circuit which receives the outputs of the SYNC separator,

the clock generating unit, and the control recording unit, outputs to the memory and the digital arithmetic and logic unit, and controls timing (e.g. 52 in Figure 2).

Re claim 4, Lakhani discloses in Figure 2 a slicing circuit for arithmetically correcting character broadcasting data extracted from a composite video signal (e.g. Figure 2), the slicing circuit comprising an arithmetic processing unit switching arithmetic processing (e.g. 45) at a sampling timing of the composite video signal (e.g. 50-51).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 2-3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. U.S. Patent No. 4,747,068 to Voorman et al. disclose an adaptive filter.
- b. U.S. Patent No. 5,760,844 to Jorden discloses a video signal data and composite synchronization extraction circuit for on-screen display.
- c. U.S. Patent No. 6,064,446 to Wissing et al. disclose a color decoding.
- d. U.S. Patent No. 5,666,167 to Tults discloses bias control apparatus for a data slicer in an auxiliary video information decoder.

- e. U.S. Patent No. 4,667,235 to Nozoe et al. disclose a teletext decoder.
- f. U.S. Patent No. 4,647,790 to Voorman discloses a data signal correction circuit.

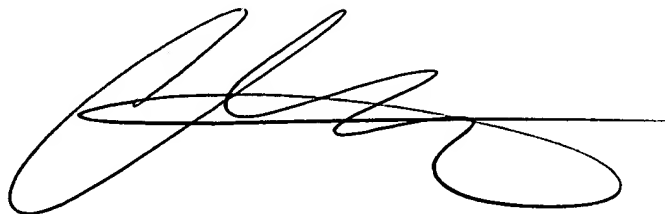
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (571) 272-3721. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Chat C. Do
Examiner
Art Unit 2193

August 22, 2005

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